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Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

The Story of a Name

Because her sons, both native and those by adoption, have constantly over a great many years corrected persons who referred to our state as ArkANSas, the pronunciation ArkanSAW is pretty general throughout the nation today. The Arkansas Gazette had an editorial this Monday morning on the origin of our state's name, in the course of which it developed

The early Arkansas Indians were called Beauz Hommes—or "handsome men."

As one hungry editorial writer to another, I was just on the verge of picking it up there and writing my own comment when I saw, to my disgust, that Mr. Heissel's crew, having started to take gold out of this particular literary mine, had not stopped until they had taken out all of it.

The Gazette having worked the property so thoroughly I'll just turn over the whole diggings.

Says the Gazette:

"ArkANSaw" and "Kansas"

Why is Arkansas pronounced "ArkANSaw" and not like "Kansas?" Anna Neagle, the British actress, wanted to know when in an "Information Please" movie a remark was made about the peculiarities of pronunciation in her native land.

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**3 Days Left
to Buy License
Thursday Mid-
night Is Deadline
to Buy Tags**

Arkansas motor vehicle owners have only three more days to buy 1941 auto license without penalty. Thursday midnight is the deadline, I. L. Pilkinton, inspector of Hempstead county said Monday.

A rush similar to the one experienced late in December appears inevitable.

The regular buying period, November 1, to December 31, was extended 30 days by former Governor Car E. Bailey, under the law, Governor Adkins cannot make a new extension.

Please bring your Motor number, 1940 tag number, make, and style of car.

Penalty starts January 31, \$3 every 10 days until double.

**Settlement of
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Willkie Talks to Churchill— for Two Hours

GOP Smile Engages Englishman Hour Longer Than Scheduled

LONDON—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie delivered President Roosevelt's message to Prime Minister Churchill at luncheon Monday, and disclosed that he intended to talk with Prime Minister Emman de Valera during a visit to neutral Eire.

In Dublin it was announced de Valera would "be very glad indeed" to see Willkie.

Although he had planned to spend an hour with Churchill, Willkie and the prime minister became so engrossed in their conversation that the luncheon lasted two hours.

As Willkie left, Churchill followed him out to his auto despite rain to say goodbye, and the two posed for pictures on the sidewalk shaking hands.

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He's Only American Flying One of Giant RAF Bombers

Brooklyn Daredevil, Charlie Whitehead, Gets Action

By PAUL MANNING,
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

LONDON — (By Wireless)—The big 15-ton Whitehead stands there in the rain, its propellers slowly turning. In another 10 minutes it will be rolling across the airfield on another raid over German-occupied France.

Standing alongside this giant Whitehead you wonder how any pilot can make the engines lift such a ponderous weight off this rain-swept flying field. Then Charlie Whitehead of Brooklyn, N. Y., comes waddling out from the hangar, encased in flying suit and heavy lined boots, and all complete with parachute and other equipment which adds about 50 pounds to his weight.

Somehow, catching his determined air, you know he will get this airplane off the ground all right.

For this Charlie Whitehead is the one who turned in more hours of brilliant flying on Pan American's run to South America than probably any other pilot.

And this is the Charlie Whitehead who probably pulled more airplanes out of spins over Brooklyn's Floyd Bennett Field than any other instructor. That, of course, was when Whitehead was running his flying school at Bennett Field and had a \$100-a-week contract with the On Leong Tong of New York's Mott street under which he turned young Chinese into skillful war birds.

Today Charlie's a war bird himself. He is the only American in the Royal Air Force who is flying the big bombers.

Taught Chinese Flyers in New York

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Land Sale Law Is Tested in Supreme Court

Meanwhile, De- Cision Reported in LaFayette Oil Lease Case

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—The supreme court took under submission for probable decision next Monday a far-reaching case involving the distribution of proceeds from sale and redemption of tax-forfeited lands.

The state appealed the case from a Pulaski chancery court ruling that the proceeds should be distributed on the same basis as the original taxes levied against the property—among the state, counties, municipalities and school districts.

The ruling, up setting the revenue-producing provisions of Arkansas' 1939 land policy act, restrained State Treasurer Earl Page from carrying out allocations of redemption and sale proceeds as provided by the land policy act and a 1929 land redemption act.

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Robisons Leave on Dallas Market Trip

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robison, of Geo. W. Robison & Co., left Hope Sunday for Dallas where they will visit the wholesale markets this week, buying spring merchandise for their department stores.

178 Millions in Relief Here

Marguerite May in Girl Scout Meeting

AUSTIN, Texas—Twenty-five University of Texas co-eds will share in informal conferences on Girl Scouting this week when Miss C. Mac Cray of El Paso, national Girl Scout representative, visits Austin.

Marguerite May of Hope, Ark., is one of twenty-five University students interested in Girl Scouting who serve as leaders or assistant leaders for the 71 Austin Girl Scout troops.

Refunding

Vote Feb. 15

Gov. Adkins Sets Date; Act Is to Be Ready Tuesday

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—The house Monday set the stage for final passage of Governor Adkins' \$137,000,000 refunding bill Tuesday morning by concurring in four Senate amendments to the measure by voice vote and without debate.

Election Feb. 15
LITTLE ROCK—Governor Adkins indicated over the weekend he will call a special election for Saturday, February 15, to permit a vote on his plan to refund the state's \$137,000,000 highway debt.

Selection of that date was predicted upon house approval of four Senate amendments to the refunding bill, which were attached at 12:42 a. m. Saturday when the lower chamber reconvened at 2 p. m. Monday.

Many Senate amendments to other bills have been considered and adopted during the same day. But rather than risk legal objections the administration will ask the house to consider the four refunding bill amendments Monday and vote on the measure as amended Tuesday morning.

Expressing gratification for the unanimous vote given his No. 1 measure in both houses, the governor prepared to enlist the services of Secretary of State C. G. Hall in sending legal notices of the election to one newspaper in each county for publication on or before Thursday.

Since the election could be held 15 days after publication of the notices the date could be set for Friday, February 14, but Mr. Adkins was said to feel that Saturday would be a more convenient day for the voters.

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The Italians were reported to have abandoned Unnun Hagar, in southern Eritrea near the juncture of the frontier with the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Ethiopia. The British added that their forces were closely pursuing the retreating Italians in this sector.

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SOCIETY

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Social Calendar

Monday, January 27th
Girl Scout Troop No. 4, Mrs. Roy Powell, leader, the "Little House" after school.

Unit No. 2 of the Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Mark's Episcopal church, the home of Mrs. W. J. Jones, 7:30 o'clock.

Girl's Cotillion club, home of Ruth Atkins, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28th
Troop No. 2 of the Girl Scouts, Mrs. J. O. Milam, captain, meet at the "Little House" after school.

Tuesday Contract Bridge club, home of Mrs. Merlin Coop, 2:30 o'clock.

Business and Professional Women's club monthly social meeting, home of Mrs. Aimee Johnson with Mrs. Isabel Onstead as co-hostess, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29th
Victory dinner, Wednesday at 7 p.m., in social room of the church. For full attendance of membership and friends of First Christian church.

Announcements

The Father's Night program planned by the Hope P. T. A. Council for Thursday, January 30th has been postponed until March because of the "March of Dimes" program to be given at the Saenger theatre on Thursday night.

The meeting of the Cotillion club announced for Monday evening has been postponed. A new date will be announced later.

Afternoon Bridge is Given By Mrs. B. E. McMahon for Alice Henry

One of the outstanding afternoon parties of the past week was the bridge given by Mrs. B. E. McMahon on Saturday afternoon at her home for Miss Alice Henry, who has gone to Little Rock to make her new home.

In the card rooms where the four tables were arranged for playin, the exquisite figurines containing spring

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When our Committee was organized one year ago to assist State law-enforcement officials in policing the conduct of retail beer outlets, we said:

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Continuous activity on the part of our Committee, which included investigation of more than 1,000 retail beer outlets, has resulted in definite progress toward that objective.

To date, thanks to the splendid cooperation of law-enforcement officials, 42 beer retailers have lost their licenses because they would not conduct their places of business in accord with public sentiment and with the high standards of the legalized beer industry. As we enter another year, we renew our pledge to the people of Arkansas. We are determined that conditions in retail beer outlets shall be as wholesome as beer itself.

YOU can help in this important work by restricting your patronage to reputable beer retailers.

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Facts About War in Air

Taken From the Diary of an RAF Flyer

AP Feature Service

Second Day—Spet. 3 1940—Unsuccess-

ful day—made no contact.

Third Day—Two patrols—0920 and 1230—but no contact made and no fun at all. Just roaming round looking for the "Fun in the Sun." Watched night bombers in the dark, parachute flares and A. A. bursts all over the sky. Slept well.

Fourth Day—Another big day. Over Thameshaven we met 25 bombers and scores of Messerschmitt 109s. Fired at a Doornier 215, but had to break away when fighters came down en masse. Chased bombers for 10 minutes but couldn't catch up. Came home and found Butch had bailed out and landed in a garden, where a terrified woman looked at him and then ran into the house. No more action today.

Fifth Day—Up in the morning over the Thames Estuary to meet another raid. We rip in before the Hen fighters can get at us and do a quick flank attack. Fighters follow at once. I follow behind the bombers, watching two Messerschmitt 109s coming up behind me.

Before they get into range I turn sharp left and whip under them.

Unfortunately C — —, who is follow-

ing me, gets plugged by one of these guys and has to crash-land. I

get into a circle with two 109s and shoot at the second. He starts to dive, so I chase him. Third burst sets him

on fire, whale of starboard wing and fuselage. We are down to 50

feet, so I leave him to burn and climb to 10,000 feet at full bore.

Fighting is still going on and two more 109s come for me. They work in pairs and it seems fairly easy to get number two. Again I pick him out and we tear down to 0 feet. We race along the Pilgrim's Way (Chaucer's old road to Canterbury) and I fire the rest of my ammunition into him.

Both radiators stream glycol and I can smell him burning. I formate on him when I finish my rounds and he has his oxygen mask of, looking out at me. I leave him to go home and see him crash-and a few miles on.

Going home I see a parachute and circle it—a British one. Later it turns out that it was the C. O. who got shot down by 109s.

In the evening a party, then on to a dance with the boys of another squadron. Slept at — — and stayed in bed till nine.

Tomorrow: "I got attacked twice."

J. T. Luck of Hendrix college is a visitor in the city.

Miss Jane Orton and Talbot Feild Jr. were Saturday evening visitors to Texarkana.

Mrs. W. M. Reaves and daughter, Miss Josephine Reaves, have returned from Monroe, Louisiana. They were guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. T. Davis, and Mr. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robison are visitors to Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Durwin announced the arrival of a son on Sunday, January 26 at the Julia Chester hospital. The new arrival has been named Thomas Kent Durwin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tate announced the arrival of a son, James Stewart Tate, on January 23 at the Julia Chester hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Price of Magnolia were recent visitors in the city.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Crews Sr. will regret to hear that they are confined to their home because of influenza.

Blevins Takes 2 From Patmos

North Hempstead Cage Team Wins

2 of 3 Games

After losing the junior game to a powerful junior team from Patmos by the score of 21 to 16, Blevins came back strong to win both senior boys' and girls' games.

Led by Dudley and Jim Mayton who scored 9 and 8 points each, the Patmos Jr. team showed class in defeating Blevins Jr. Phillips with 9 points led the Blevins attack.

In the senior boys' game Blevins

jumped into an early lead, and never once were overtaken. Smith, Blevins ace forward scored 17 points to lead her team, with L. Kent leading Patmos with 4 points. The score was Blevins 23, Patmos 10.

The senior boys' game saw Blevins

taking the lead and holding it

throughout the game. Moses, Blevins

six foot five inch-center took high

scoring honors hitting the basket for 18 points. C. W. Lewis led Patmos with 8 points. The score, Blevins 50, Patmos 30.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

'Out of the Night' Is Extraordinary

Record of Spying

"Out of the Night" by Jan Valtan

(Alliance; \$3.50) is the amazing record of 20 years service as a secret agent of the Communist International around the world. As such, it may well be 1941's most extraordinary book, certainly none will be more exciting. Sabotage, smuggling, abduction, mutiny, murder were Valtan's daily fare. At one time, on orders from Moscow, Valtan entered the Nazi Gestapo. He broke finally with the Communists, became then a fugitive from both Gestapo and the relentless OGPU. Following is a typical dramatic excerpt showing how even while he was held a prisoner by the Gestapo, a fellow Communist—himself an OGPU man within the Gestapo—visited him and under the eye of a Nazi guard delivered orders.

The trooper locked the door behind

Heitman—the G. P. U. man in the

Gestapo. An instant later I saw that the guard had raised the small metal shield from the spy-hole in the

door and was peering through. Under

such circumstances I could not

greet Heitman, I stood at attention.

Heitman pushed me rudely against

the wall . . .

Are you going to tell me the

Lewis?) The Smithsonian experts went

the "rockets" ship, says one better, for

this one, I'm told, is power by oxy-

gen bombs."

By a series of scale-model dioramas,

the Institution has traced the "Ascent

of Man" from his beginnings. These

show early man in his natural habitat,

with the trees, grasses and animals of

prehistoric times. All has been recon-

structed on the latest scientific con-

clusions, with every thing as accurate

as it possibly can be made. To give

all possible credence, there are ex-

hibits of prehistoric skulls. The one

of old Joe Cro-Magnon, who seems to

have died with a toothy grin that the

centuries haven't erased, should be

labeled: "To be dreamed about only

after Welsh rabbit and hot mince

pie."

Meteorite in Color

In the geological section, the ex-

hibit has what it refers to as its

great collection of meteorites. Not

being geological, I couldn't get stirred

up about these hunks of iron and

such that burned themselves out-bombard-

ing their way through the earth's

atmosphere. But even this section

is enlivened by a "color transparency"

of a fiery meteorite ploughing along

where only space ship pilots ought to

be. And here also are the world's

largest topaz and some new minerals

discovered in the gold and silver mines

of Mexico.

In its century of progress, the Smith-

sonian has unearthed something like

100,000 new plants and animals and

the gentlemen there know what they

are drawing when they sketch a tree

of life like the one which is the center

of the biological exhibit. Here also

are some of the Institution's rare speci-

mens, like the fish that carries its

eggs in its mouth and another that dis-

proves that old one about "the fish

out of water" by packing up frequent-

ly and taking long junks across dry

land.

The exhibit has plenty of "first edi-

tions" in the machine age, too. These

range from a working model of the

Newcomen atmospheric steam engine,

the first steam engine, at which two

piston strokes a minute, was pumping

water out of a flooded coal mine in

England 200 years ago, to the "solar

cooker," in which its inventor can

—on a clear day—fry an egg in a jiffy

or bake a cake in half an hour.

All in all, it's a pretty fascinating

CREATOR OF PLANTS

Answer to Previous Puzzle									
CANADA	BUD	LAUREN	ASSEA	15 Assistant					

'Too Many Girls', Top Musical Show, Opens Saenger Tuesday

Stage Play Is Made in Film

Tuneful Story of Collegiate Capers, With Star Cast

Cramming an hour and a half of gay entertainment into its bumbling length, "Too Many Girls" Tuesday and Wednesday at the Saenger present a streamlined screen version of the famous Broadway musical hit of the same name, in what is hailed as the top filmusical offering of the year.

Produced and directed by George Abbott, who produced the original stage show, the picture features Lucile Ball, Richard Carlson, Ann Miller, Eddie Bracken, Frances Langford, the Cuban sensation, Desi Arnaz, and Hal LeRoy. Bracken, Arnaz and LeRoy are among the many personalities transferred from the cast of the stage production to the screen version.

Eight of the most popular of the show's hit songs and a series of its spectacular dances enliven the film, with added features galore.

The plot deals with a madcap heiress and her four-man bodyguard, a quartet of all-American football stars who are keeping under cover after being hired by the girl's father to keep her out of trouble while she attends his old alma mater, Pottawa-

ton College, at Stop Gap, New Mexico.

The girl's real reason for going to the institution is that a British author of whom she is smitten has a ranch nearby. Clint, the leader of the bodyguard, interrupts the meetings of the pair, and the girl speedily falls in love. But an anti-romance clause in the bodyguard contract prevents him from telling her how he feels, and another clause prevents the quartette from playing football, much as they yearn to do so.

Suspecting Clint's gridiron ability, the girl urges him to go out for the team, but he refuses. But when one of the other three, unable to stand the strain of not playing, goes into a game, the rest follow suit and help Pottawatomie win its first game in more than ten years. There follow a series of sensational victories over the nation's best teams.

But all this is too good to last! The heiress wires her father that she is in love with Clint, learns for the first time that he is her dad's employee, angrily insists on going East immediately, thus forcing the four boys to go with her, even though Pottawatomie is playing its biggest game the next day, and will be swamped with its star players!

The outcome, enlivened with the pursuit of the deserting players by an enraged posse of students and sheriffs makes for the hilarious conclusion of the tuneful offering as the difficulties are straightened out!

Large Court

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jury, bond fixed at \$250. (The two offenses for burglary were for breaking into the barn of M. S. Bates and taking horse collars and bridles.)

J. T. Manning, Jr., drunkenness, plea of guilty, fined \$10.

J. T. Manning, Jr., assault with a deadly weapon, tried, found guilty, fined \$50. (Assaulted Shirk Conway),Appealed to circuit court.

J. T. Manning, Jr., assault with a deadly weapon, tried, found guilty of assault and battery and fined \$50. (Assaulted Johnnie Mitchell), tried, found guilty of assault and battery and assessed a fine of \$50.Appealed to Hempstead Circuit Court, bond fixed at \$200.

J. T. Manning, Jr., resisting arrest, tried, found guilty, fined \$50.Appealed and bond fixed at \$200.

Thomas Owens, disturbing the peace of guilty, fined \$10.

Civil Docket

W. H. Glover vs. W. M. Duckett, action in replevin for truck, furniture, fixtures, office equipment and all factory machinery and equipment belonging to Duckett Chemical Co. Judgment for plaintiff for possession of property.

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SERIAL STORY

CONSCRIPT'S WIFE

BY BETTY WALLACE

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YESTERDAY: Paul parks on a hillside. Martha tells him of Suzanne, "she is in love with Paul, but has kept it secret, because he is still a friend. He doesn't like the same people as the office, give up this killing work. Paul refuses, asks to go home. Paul slams the car into gear, drives on to the highway. A car speeds toward them. Ta-tac! A crash!

AFTER THE ACCIDENT CHAPTER XIX

WHEN Martha Marshall opened her eyes, at last, she was lying on someone's coat in the road. A man was bending over her. A strange man, with frightened eyes, like burned-out holes in his face. "Are you all right now?" he asked huskily.

"I'm—fine." Memory came flooding over her. People, magically appearing from nowhere, were milling around her. They must have stopped their cars on the highway, she thought vaguely. When the crash came . . .

She became aware, then, that there was a stinging on her cheek. One arm was numb. She lifted her head, and the man bent quickly and slid his arm under her shoulder. Her head was spinning. But she could sit up. She said, "I'm all right. Nothing broken."

The man looked down at her leg. Her stockings were torn, and there was blood. But Martha touched the spot and told him, "A scratch. See?" She moved her legs, and then she was clinging to him, to stand. The faces of people, the moving lights from electric torches, the beams from parked cars, all made a reeling pinwheel before her eyes.

"Paul? Is he all right?"

Wordlessly, the man turned his head. Martha saw then the little group around something on the ground. Horror welled up inside her. She tried to go toward them. "Don't," the man said. "Wait."

BUT she couldn't wait. She walked, shakily, scarcely knowing she walked, to where they were bending over Paul. "Is he dead?" she asked fearfully. "Is he dead?"

A state trooper straightened. "No, he's not dead. He's had a nasty knock on the head, though."

A woman told her, gently, "There's an ambulance coming."

She tried to lead the girl away. "You can't do anything. Don't look."

The shrill whine of a siren filled the air. Always, afterwards, the sound of a siren was to bring back to Martha Marshall that hour of horror; the white stretcher onto which they lifted Paul's prostrate body; the grave face of the ambulance surgeon; the voices of

men and the sharp commands of the trooper.

She wanted to ride to the hospital in the ambulance with Paul. They wouldn't let her. The man who had first bent over her helped her into a black sedan. "I'll take you. Your bruises and scratches better be looked over, too."

BUT in the hospital, after a scant going over, they paid little attention to her. It was Paul, swiftly taken into the emergency room, over whom they worked.

She wanted to get to a phone, too. She had to call Eugene, she had to tell him what had happened. The man who took her to the hospital was kind. "Suppose we sit here and wait until we find out about him. Then you can telephone and I'll take you home." He was a middle-aged person, and his concern for her touched Martha.

Eugene was home. "Had to stay," he said matter-of-factly. "One day more isn't going to matter."

"Did you phone the hospital about Paul?"

"Yeah. He's all right."

Then she remembered Helen. "She must be worried about your not coming last night."

"I sent a message by the nurse."

"Don't tell her about this!"

"Think I'm crazy?" He turned to go. "Are you hungry? I've got some coffee."

"I'll be out in a minute. I want to see Paul as soon as I can, too."

"Sure. But he's all right." And then he said, standing there in the doorway, "Bill called up here last night while you were out, Martha."

"He did? From camp?" Regret gnawed at her. "If I'd only known!" I'd never have gone out, and all this wouldn't have happened. Why in the world didn't he let me know he meant to go?"

Eugene cleared his throat. "Martha, you give the orders and let the contracts have all figured out. To pass it along to you, I'll step back a minute to the World war.

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